

REMARKS

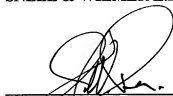
The Office Action indicated that claims 3-5, 8-13, and 15-16 would be allowed. Applicant has made minor typographical corrections in claims 13 and 15 and has cancelled Claim 14 to remove the 35 USC § 101 rejection.

Applicant recently submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that crossed in the mail with the Final Office Action rejection. The issued Japanese patents simply formalize the technical subject matter that had been set forward in our Information Disclosure Statement previously submitted on February 15, 2008 and acknowledged in the Office Action of May 15, 2008. This technical subject matter can also be found in the US Patent Publication 2007/0089146 and US Patent Publication US 2000/0247680 along with the WO Publications. Thus, it is believed that the technical subject matter has been considered and made of record with English descriptions in the US Patent Publications.

If there are any questions with regards to this matter, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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